

HILL FIELD, COMPANY OFFICERS' QUARTERS

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Location: No address listed, located on the south side of 4th Street, Hill Air Force Base, Layton Vicinity, Davis County, Utah

Date of Construction: 1941

Architect: U.S. Army Standardized Plans

Builder: John H. Haslem (Salt Lake City, Utah)

Present Owner: Hill Air Force Base

Present Use: Residential

Significance: Building 143, an elegant duplex, renders a unique picture of residential life for Company Officers and their families at the Ogden Air Materiel Command (OOAMA, later Hill Field) during and after World War II. The building is additionally significant because it contributes to an understanding of the inherent hierarchy among military workers, since officers lived in more spacious and elegant quarters than enlisted men.

History: Building 143, an elegant duplex, was designed for the families of upper level Company Officers, who were needed at Hill Field to supervise the maintenance, repair, and storage of military aircraft. Building 143 renders a unique portrait of residential life at Hill Field during the 1940s and 1950s. It is located on the northwest corner of a common formal lawn that embraces a distinctly suburban ambiance because of its lush landscaping and spacious yards.

Housing for civilian and military personnel (both on and off the Base) was a critical issue in drawing personnel to fill jobs at the installation. Acute housing shortages were prevalent throughout the World War II years.

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General

Description: Building 143 is a two-story, rectangular brick duplex. The beige brick matches the residential neighborhood. The east front facade is arranged in a formal, symmetrical organization, with each unit's doorway located to the north and south of the elevation's centerline. Both doorways are marked by segmental pediments that are supported by plain Doric columns. Each entry is approached by a set of poured-in-place concrete stairs with metal hand railings projected from the building. At the corresponding height of the doorway entablature, a three-course brick beltcourse wraps around the house.

The building has a hip roof which covers both units. The slate covered hipped roof has two hipped dormers, with one centered over each doorway. Two residential Heating, Ventilation, and Air Conditioning (HVAC) units are placed on the roof to the west of the ridge line. A soffit frieze with dentils runs just below the eaves of the roof. Chimneys stand at the north and the south ends of the building, centered on the ridge line with brick caps. The windows are wood double-hung sashes which vary in size from three-over-three to six-over-six. The house faces a well-kept lawn that is shared with one identical house (Building 145) directly to the east and a single-unit house (Building 144) to the southeast. The building sits on a brick watertable base that projects from the face of the house.

Inside, each unit has two floors plus an attic. Each unit contains a formal living and dining room, a kitchen, and maid's quarters on the first floor. On the second floor, each has three bedrooms and two full bathrooms.